

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 23 were pending in the application. Claims 6-8, 17-19 and 21-23 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 9-16, and 20 accordingly remain pending in the application.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct its dependency as noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated Claims 8-9 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 10 have accordingly been amended to include the features of claims 8 and 19, respectively, and are thus believed to be in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5500-64300.

Respectfully submitted,



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